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Application of Ajith K. Kumar

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Examiner Robert J. McCarry Jr.

For **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED DETECTION OF LOCOMOTIVE
FRICTION MODIFYING SYSTEM COMPONENT**

May 15, 2006

**AMENDMENT B UNDER RULE 37 § 1.116 RESPONDING
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Office action mailed February 15, 2006, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.